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TO: The Honorable
John McCone
CIA

FROM: Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Mr. U. Alexis Johnson has requested
that the attached letter signed by the
Secretary to the Attorney General be sent
to you.

State Dept. review completed

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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August 16, 1963

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

My letter of July 16, 1963 forwarded a paper, "Review of U. S. Policy on Travel Restrictions Applying to Soviet Bloc Personnel", for consideration by the National Security Council.

Although my letter did not indicate which of the alternatives I favored, I will support Alternative 3 in the Security Council meeting. Also, the Department has reappraised some aspects of the problem, a reappraisal stimulated in part by the recent Hungarian and Rumanian moves to abolish restrictions applicable to United States personnel in those countries. As a result of this reappraisal, I seriously question whether it would be to our over-all national advantage to impose at this time advance travel notification requirements in excess of reciprocity either on Bloc civilian or military personnel as long as the basic objective of closing the strategic missile complex areas to Bloc personnel, and the reasonable enforcement thereof, can be accomplished.

As requested in the meeting of August 2, State and Defense have now agreed to propose the enclosed text as the revised paragraph No. 1 of the draft NSAM.

Sincerely yours



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Enclosure.

The Honorable
Robert F. Kennedy,
Attorney General.

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Rev. Par. 1 of Draft NSAM

"(1) Restrictions should be placed upon diplomatic and official representatives of Soviet bloc countries in the U.S. on the basis of reciprocity for restrictions placed upon U.S. representatives in each Soviet bloc country except where there are overriding requirements of national defense and internal security. In such cases a group composed of representatives of the Departments of State, Defense, Justice and CIA shall assess these factors and determine the nature and feasible applicability of specific restrictions going beyond reciprocity which will best serve our national interests."

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